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The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial next to each reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449 indicating that the Examiner has considered and made those references of record in this application and that a copy of the initialed Form PTO 1449 be returned to Applicants.

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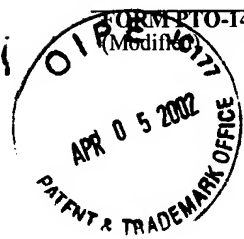
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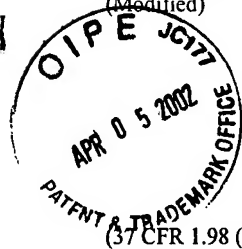
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